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## BRAZIL.

*Report on plague in Rio de Janeiro.*PETROPOLIS, BRAZIL, *June 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my telegram of May 22, announcing the official declaration of the existence of the bubonic pest in Rio de Janeiro, as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington.*

Government recognizes existence bubonic plague. Rio quarantined. Fears allayed.

— BRYAN.

And to state that every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the plague. Each day numerous suspected cases are discovered and the patients isolated, but conservative physicians believe nine out of ten of these to be sufferers from other complaints.

I inclose herewith an editorial from the Rio News presenting in its proper light the situation in regard to the pest. I also have the honor to inclose, with translations, copies of two circulars on this subject from the foreign office.

Respectfully,

CHARLES PAGE BRYAN.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 4.—Translation of inclosure No. 2.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 26, 1900.*

I have the honor to inform Mr. Charles Page Bryan, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States of America, that by decree of the 21st of the current month the state minister of justice and interior affairs, in the name of the president of the republic, taking into consideration the fact that there have occurred in this capital, on the 16th of the month, 2 proved cases of bubonic pest, resolves:

First. To declare suspected the port of Rio de Janeiro and the city itself.

Second. To insist that vessels leaving the port of Rio de Janeiro and destined for the States must first go into the quarantine station on Ilha Grande, where they shall be disinfected.

Third. To prohibit the departure from the port of Rio de Janeiro to the ports of the States of suspected goods indicated in article 30 of the existing sanitary regulations.

OLYNTHO DE MAGALHAES.

[Inclosure No. 5.—Translation of Inclosure No. 3.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 31, 1900.*

I call to the attention of Mr. Charles Page Bryan, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States of America, the fact that by decree of the 22d of the current month the minister of justice and interior affairs, in the name of the president of the Republic, because of the necessity of rendering effective article No. 3 of the decree of the 21st of this month, relative to the exportation to the States of the Republic of suspected goods leaving this capital; and since the shipment of these goods from the port of Santos is an easy matter, has come to the following decisions: To prohibit the exportation from this latter port of said suspected goods, vessels sailing therefrom being subject to the same disinfection at the quarantine station of the Ilha Grande to which those proceeding from Rio are subjected.

Until further orders, the entry into national ports of old clothing and rags from any port whatever, except the clothing which forms a part of passenger's baggage, is absolutely prohibited.

The sanitary authorities of any port of entry of any vessel that carries passengers of the third class shall have power, whenever they think it expedient, to refuse free intercourse to such vessel until the baggage of said passengers shall have been disinfected.

OLYNTHO DE MAGALHAES.